CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA
REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 18, 2005

INVOCATION:
Rev. Dennis Russell of the Church of Christ gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:
Councilmember Patino led the pledge of allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER:
Mayor Lavagnino called the Regular Meeting of the City Council to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
MEMBERS PRESENT
Councilmembers Mariscal, Orach, Patino, Trujillo, and Mayor Lavagnino.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT
City Manager Ness, Assistant City Manager Haydon, City Attorney Trujillo, Police Commander Mawhinney, Director of Administrative Services Snodgrass, Director of Community Development Lindsey, Fire Chief Ortiz, Director of Public Works Karp, Director of Utilities Chisam, Assistant Fire Chief Moreno, Fire Battalion Chief Owen, City Engineer Sweet, Recreation Services Manager Davis, Planner III Shipsey, Grants Administration Specialist Turner, and Chief Deputy City Clerk Perez.

PRESENTATION OF A QUILT
Jean Gracia was scheduled to present a hand-made quilt to the City of Santa Maria; however, she was not in attendance at the meeting.

PEACE WEEK
Councilmember Patino read a proclamation declaring the week of October 17 – 23, 2005, as Peace Week in the City of Santa Maria and encouraging members of the public to participate in the Peace Week events and to help make the community more peaceful. The Proclamation was accepted by Maggie White.

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH
Councilmember Orach presented a gift to Hattie Stoddard recognizing her as the Recreation and Parks Volunteer of the Month for October 2005 for her vision and cooperative efforts in establishing and promoting the new Culture Corner Gallery at the Town Center Mall to bring local artists and the public together in appreciation of fine art in our community.

BILL AND JULIE GIBBS
Mayor Lavagnino read a proclamation welcoming Bill and Julie Gibbs from Australia who were visiting Community Development Director Lindsey for a few days.

PUBLIC COMMENT
Ernest Armenta spoke about the emergency preparedness item on the agenda and in opposition to the proposed Wal-Mart superstore.

Steven Arnold spoke against the Wal-Mart superstore.

Rod Sanchez spoke against the Wal-Mart superstore.

Sean Fiscel spoke against the Wal-Mart superstore.

Juan Lewis spoke against the Wal-Mart superstore.

Christina Cantu spoke against the Wal-Mart superstore.

Mayor Lavagnino announced that the conceptual proposal for the Wal-Mart superstore would be considered by the City Council on November 15, 2005, and invited the speakers to attend that meeting.

Nicholas Andersen spoke about war.

Al Rodriguez, Assistant Director of the County Department of Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Services Administration, distributed copies of the draft *Community Supports and Services Plan* and asked for feedback and input from the Council and City staff on the plan. He also informed the public of two public hearings to be held on November 9th in Santa Barbara and November 10th in Santa Maria at the County Board of Supervisors Hearing Room.

CONSENT CALENDAR
Councilmember Trujillo requested Items 3C and 3G be pulled for comment. Councilmember Mariscal also requested Item 3G be pulled for comment.

Item 3C – Personnel Changes
Councilmember Trujillo indicated he had no problems with the modifications and classification changes. He expressed concerns about the Community Development Department needing more than one additional staff person with the on-going development in the community.

Community Development Director Lindsey explained that the Building Division had a sufficient number of positions; however, the City had experienced problems filling the positions. He said one of the factors was salary, and that had been addressed. He said they were requesting one additional planning person to help with the workload, but he would be studying the entire department for possible adjustments in the future.
City Manager Ness explained that staff does not typically consider new positions except during the budget cycle; however, because of development workload and complexity of the current projects, one additional position was proposed at this time. He said he would be working with Director Lindsey to evaluate the needs of the Community Development Department.

Councilmember Trujillo indicated he wanted to make sure the Department had sufficient resources to keep up with development.

Item 3G – Residential Rehabilitation Loan Program
Councilmember Mariscal stated this was the re-establishment of a program that was funded in previous years through Community Development Block Grant funds. He said he was happy to see the program funded again and was glad that Habitat for Humanity would be managing the program. He said the need for this type of program far outweighed the funds available. He asked how much money would actually be available.

City Manager Ness explained there was $179,498 available in entitlement funds for the program plus $42,553 available in CDBG income to offset the cost of lead-based paint remediation.

Councilmember Trujillo stated this was a very good start; however, he would like to see Habitat for Humanity get as much public funding as possible to buy lots so they could build homes which they do so well.

Consent Calendar Items A through N were approved with the indicated action on motion by Councilmember Mariscal, seconded by Councilmember Trujillo, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Mariscal, Orach, Patino, Trujillo, and Mayor Lavagnino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

A. ORDINANCES
The reading in full of all ordinances and resolutions was waived. Ordinances on the Consent Calendar are adopted by the same vote cast at the first reading unless City Council indicates otherwise.

B. MINUTES
The Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of October 4, 2005, were approved as submitted.

C. PERSONNEL CHANGES
Resolution No. 2005-156 was adopted approving certain personnel changes, adjustments to the personnel complement of the City, and budget amendments, and Resolution No. 2005-164 was adopted approving amendments to the Conflict of Interest Code to coincide with the personnel changes.

Resolution No. 2005-156 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING NEW CLASSIFICATIONS, RECLASSIFICATIONS, MODIFICATIONS TO SPECIFICATIONS, ADJUSTMENTS TO SALARY RANGES, ABOLISHING CLASSIFICATIONS, AND INCREASING PERSONNEL.

Resolution No. 2005-164 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING APPENDIX "A" OF THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE FOR DESIGNATED FILERS OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA.

D. PROPERTY TAX EXCHANGE
Resolution No. 2005-157 was adopted approving a property tax exchange agreement between the City of Santa Maria and the County of Santa Barbara pertaining to Annexation No. AN-104 (Hagerman Reorganization).

Resolution No. 2005-157 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, PROVIDING FOR A NEGOTIATED EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES PERTAINING TO THE HAGERMAN REORGANIZATION: AN ANNEXATION TO THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, DETACHMENT FROM THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, ANNEXATION AN-104.

E. WARRANTS
Warrant Nos. 122945 to 123327 in the amount of $1,904,289.98 were ordered ratified subject to having been certified as being in conformity with the budget and having been approved for payment by the Director of Administrative Services. Warrants No. 122809 and 122831 were cancelled.

F. PAYROLL
Payment of payroll was ordered ratified subject to having been certified by the proper Department Heads as shown on records on file in the Administrative Services Department and having been approved for payment by the Director of Administrative Services.

G. RESIDENTIAL REHABILITATION LOAN PROGRAM
Resolution No. 2005-158 was adopted approving new guidelines for the City's residential rehabilitation loan program and approving an agreement with Habitat for Humanity to manage the program.

Resolution No. 2005-158 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING NEW GUIDELINES FOR THE CITY'S RESIDENTIAL REHABILITATION LOAN PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, NORTHERN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY, INC., TO MANAGE AND IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM.

H. CALL FOR BIDS
Authorization was given to call for bids on the plans and specifications for Robin Ventura Field, Bid No. 2006/05.

I. CALL FOR BIDS
Authorization was given to call for bids on the plans and specifications for the Santa Maria Public Library, Bid No. 2006/06.

J. NOTICE OF COMPLETION
A Notice of Contract Completion for River Oaks Park and Multi-Purpose Trail, Bid No. 2004/13, was approved for recording.

K. LIMITED TIME PARKING
Resolution No. 2005-159 was adopted approving the establishment of limited time parking within existing no stopping zones in the 500 block of South Oakley Avenue, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Resolution No. 2005-159 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A LIMITED TIME PARKING ZONE ON SOUTH OAKLEY AVENUE PURSUANT TO SECTION 7-5.14 OF THE SANTA MARIA MUNICIPAL CODE.

L. NO STOPPING ZONE
Resolution No. 2005-160 was adopted approving the proposed establishment of no stopping zones on East Bunny Avenue near Miller Street.

Resolution No. 2005-160 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING NO STOPPING ZONES ON EAST BUNNY AVENUE PURSUANT TO SECTION 7-5.16 OF THE SANTA MARIA MUNICIPAL CODE.

M. NO STOPPING ZONE
Resolution No. 2005-161 was adopted approving a no stopping zone on Industrial Parkway just south of the driveway apron at 2640 Industrial Parkway.

Resolution No. 2005-161 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A NO STOPPING ZONE ON INDUSTRIAL PARKWAY PURSUANT TO SECTION 7-5.16 OF THE SANTA MARIA MUNICIPAL CODE.

N. TWO-WAY STOP
Resolution No. 2005-162 was adopted establishing a proposed two-way stop at the intersection of El Camino Street and Curryer Street.

Resolution No. 2005-162 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING A TWO-WAY STOP AT EL CAMINO STREET AND CURRYER STREET PURSUANT TO SECTION 7-5.20 OF THE SANTA MARIA MUNICIPAL CODE.

ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT
Community Development Director Lindsay gave the staff report. This is a request for a zoning text amendment by Richard Meyer for the 12.71 acre Meyer "A" Street West project located at the west side of the 2300 block of "A" Street. In February 2002, the City Council rezoned 11.84 acres for the Meyer "A" Street project on the east side of the 2200-2400 blocks of "A" Street with a list of uses that were permitted, conditionally permitted, and prohibited in the project area. On July 20, 2004, the Council amended the land use designation for the project area and rezoned the property to PD/CM. The property owner submitted an application for a General Plan Amendment and Zone Change and proposal to adopt the same list of uses permitted, conditionally permitted, and prohibited for the 12.71 acre property on the west side of "A" Street. On September 21, 2005, with a 4-0 vote, the Planning Commission adopted Resolution No. 2381b

recommending that the City Council approve the Negative Declaration and Resolution No. 2382 recommending the City Council approve the General Plan Amendment and Zone Change. After the Council acts on the proposed project, the Planning Commission would review the Tentative Map and Planned Development Permit that would allow the subdivision of the property and the development of the parcels.

Mayor Lavagnino opened the public hearing.

Richard Meyer, the applicant, stated he felt they did a good job on the east side project and hoped to do an even better project on the west side of "A" Street.

Hearing no further requests to testify, Mayor Lavagnino closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Orach asked about the traffic study which was being deferred. He asked who would pay for the traffic study in the future if it was found to be necessary.

City Engineer Sweet replied that his office had studied the traffic based on the uses already in the area and the proposed uses and did not feel that traffic would be impacted.

Councilmember Mariscal asked about churches being a conditionally permitted use. He said he understood that it was less expensive to build in the industrial area but did not think churches were a good use for industrial property.

Community Development Director Lindsey explained that previously churches were a permitted use in the industrially zones areas, and the Planning Commission had changed that to a conditionally permitted use so they could look at each church on a case-by-case basis. While churches might not be the highest and best use of industrial property, they are typically temporary uses.

Councilmember Mariscal said he came from an older background where churches were part of the neighborhoods. He didn't think the industrial areas were good locations for churches. He requested the Planning Commission look at the issue again for a possible general plan amendment or zoning amendment.

Director Lindsey indicated that churches had some rights that other businesses did not have. If churches were prohibited in industrial areas, the City might face legal issues. For a property owner who might have a vacant building, a church could be a good temporary use.

Resolution No. 2005-163 was adopted approving a Negative Declaration of Environmental Impact, E-2005-038, for the project on motion by Councilmember Orach, seconded by Councilmember Mariscal, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Mariscal, Orach, Patino, Trujillo, and Mayor Lavagnino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Resolution No. 2005-163 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A NEGATIVE DECLARATION, E-2005-038, FOR THE MEYER "A" STREET WEST PROJECT LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE 2300 BLOCK OF "A" STREET.

Ordinance No. 2005-13 was introduced by title only for first reading and continued to the next meeting for second reading and adoption on motion by Councilmember Orach, seconded by Councilmember Patino, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Mariscal, Orach, Patino, Trujillo, and Mayor Lavagnino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Ordinance No. 2005-13 adopted. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE LIST OF PERMITTED, CONDITIONALLY PERMITTED, AND PROHIBITED USES FOR THE 12.71 ACRE MEYER "A" STREET WEST PROJECT LOCATED AT THE WEST SIDE OF THE 2300 BLOCK OF "A" STREET.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLAN

Fire Chief Ortiz gave a presentation on the City's Emergency Preparedness Plan. In order to comply with the provisions established within the California Emergency Services Act, the City, in Municipal Code Section 2-17, established authorities and duties pertaining to Emergency Services. The purpose of this section is to provide for the preparation and carrying out of plans for the protection of persons and property within the City in the event of an emergency; and to provide direction of the emergency organization, which includes the coordination of the emergency functions of the City with all other public agencies, corporations, organizations and affected private persons.

The details pertaining to coordination and management associated with emergency services in the City are regularly updated within the City's Multi-Hazard Functional Plan. The last update was adopted by the Council on October 19, 2004. The details within the plan are consistent with the Santa Barbara County Operational Area Plan. On June 21, 2005, the City Council adopted a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan that will provide a coordination of effort throughout the county pertaining to hazard mitigation. The adoption of this plan was required through the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, which mandates local governments to submit and maintain a FEMA approved local hazard mitigation plan. The recent large-scale disaster resulting from Hurricane Katrina along the Gulf Coast area has prompted a review of local disaster plans by many communities throughout the nation.

Using a Power Point presentation, Chief Ortiz provided the Council and public with an overview of the City's plan. Major incidents that would require multi-departmental coordination at the local level would include earthquake, plane crash, flooding, severe weather, chemical spill, major fire, or threats of terror and weapons of mass destruction. The Santa Maria Local Hazard Mitigation Plan identifies actions needed to eliminate or reduce the impacts of future disasters. The City's role in emergency management is to ensure the City is ready and able to mitigate against, prepare for, respond to, and recover from the effects of emergencies that threaten lives, property, and the environment. There are four phases of emergency management: preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation. The City's preparedness efforts include keeping plans updated, operational readiness of key infrastructure, training of key personnel, intra-agency coordination, and conducting exercises. Response efforts include alert and warning systems for citizens, command and control, evacuation activities, short-term care and shelter, and conduct search and rescue operations. Recovery efforts would include debris clearance, temporary housing, rebuilding public facilities and family housing, and cost-recovery. Flood and storm prevention infrastructure, advocating for levee and dam improvements, building and fire code maintenance, and improving warning and communications systems would fall under mitigation efforts. Coordination efforts within the City and with other emergency management agencies are essential. Personal preparation is also important. Residents should maintain a personal disaster supply kit, listen to official instructions during a disaster and lend a hand if possible.

Mayor Lavagnino stated one of the things that happened in New Orleans was all the cell phones went down. He asked if that would happen here in the event of a disaster.

Fire Chief Ortiz explained that the City would use the satellite system as a last resort. The new communications system that was installed last year has several redundancy systems built in.

Chief Ortiz announced that the Fire Department would be offering a 28-hour course in Disaster Preparedness for residents beginning January 12, 2006, to develop community emergency response teams. It would be an eight-week course. He explained that the Fire Department had information on TAP TV, Channel 23, regarding disaster

preparedness and on the City's web site. Information could also be obtained from the American Red Cross web site and the Governor's Office of Emergency Services web site. Additionally, the City had information available in Spanish and English.

Roy Dugger, American Red Cross, commented that the Red Cross enjoyed a very good working relationship with the City's Fire Department and Recreation and Parks Department. The Recreation and Parks Department plays a key role during a disaster by providing shelter resources. The Red Cross is looking forward to expanding its training activities in Santa Maria. The Red Cross would be looking for the City's help in getting citizens out to participate in the training so they can be part of the solution instead of part of the problem. The Red Cross also has a Spanish language web site available.

Mary Jacka, League of United Latin-American Citizens, stated she was glad to see that the City and the Red Cross had materials and information available for non-English speaking people. She asked if the classes the Fire Department was offering would be offered in Spanish. She indicated that field workers did not always have radios with them in the fields and did not have access to television, so some way would be needed to get emergency information to them in the fields. The indigenous populations in the City were already having communication problems in the schools with the different languages being spoken. There needs to be verbal information available for these different languages. She expressed concerns regarding evacuating people in the event of a disaster. She also voiced concerns about Marian Medical Center being able to handle an emergency when they were already overcrowded.

Gordon Chambers expressed concern about getting people out of town if there was a problem with flooding at the river or an earthquake that would destroy the bridge. He said he hoped there was something in the plan to get people out of town or get people into town to help.

Ernest Armenta suggested that the City require disaster preparedness plans be approved for all group homes, convalescent homes, hospitals, large businesses, and large employers before a business license was issued or renewed. He also suggested that the Fire Department, Police Department, Marian Medical Center, and others put shows on public access TV giving the details of their disaster preparedness plans. The Finance Department needs to put plans in effect so employees can still make their house payments in the event of a disaster even if they may not be working for a while. Finally, he recommended the City require all unreinforced masonry buildings be made to retrofit now.

Councilmember Mariscal stated a number of the City's disaster preparedness plans had been updated within the last year, even before Hurricane Katrina. The City has been working with the Red Cross and other regional organizations because City staff does recognize the potential for disasters. The City recently upgraded its emergency communications system. He said he agreed that public access television was important, and there were slots available on the public access channels for the Red Cross or Marian Medical Center to use. He said in light of Hurricane Katrina, the City needs to work with the hospital, nursing homes, and convalescent homes to ensure they have a plan for evacuating their patients.

Councilmember Patino commended Chief Ortiz for the presentation and asked what the plan contained regarding evacuating the City if there was a problem with the freeway or the bridge.

Chief Ortiz responded it would have to be quite a disaster to have to evacuate the entire population. They would try to keep people here if at all possible.

Councilmember Patino said she thought it was great that the training was being offered to the community and hoped there would be so many interested people that the Fire Department would have to hold more classes.

Chief Ortiz commented that the Fire Department had been in contact with all the partners discussed in his presentation and had obtained copies of all their disaster preparedness plans. They do conduct practice exercises on those plans. The County Health Department oversees the disaster plans for the hospital and for convalescent homes.

Mayor Lavagnino stated in a disaster most people think evacuation, but sometimes that is the worst thing to do. People need to be prepared to take care of themselves for the first few days following a disaster. The City is prepared to help the people of Santa Maria survive.

Councilmember Orach stated there was good coordination throughout the whole County that would provide an adequate response for all of the Santa Maria Valley.

Councilmember Trujillo indicated he had two concerns. He wanted to make sure the Fire Department and other City departments had the equipment they would need in an emergency. Secondly, he was concerned about the levee as the levee was the one thing that could have the most immediate potential impact to the community in the event of an earthquake or flood.

As there were no other comments, Mayor Lavagnino thanked Chief Ortiz for the presentation and received and filed the report.

Mayor Lavagnino recessed the City Council meeting to convene as the Redevelopment Agency.

At 8:15 p.m. Chairperson Lavagnino convened the Redevelopment Agency meeting. All members were present.

Board Member Mariscal announced that he would be recusing himself from this item as he had a potential conflict of interest in that he was involved in a real estate transaction located in close proximity to this site. He stepped down and left the Council Chambers at this time.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Agency Counsel Trujillo gave the staff report. The Mall at Santa Maria, LLC, has proposed the addition of a 14-screen multiplex theater complex to the Santa Maria Town Center East Mall. The project would consist of the expansion of the mall by approximately 12,000 square feet, consolidation of Gottschalks into the first level of the mall, construction of a new food court area in the first floor of the mall adjacent to the expanded first level Gottschalks and placing a 60,000 square foot, 2,600-seat, 14-screen theater complex with stadium-style seating on the second floor. The Redevelopment Agency owns the property that surrounds the actual mall structure. The 12,000 square foot expansion of the mall would require that the Agency transfer this 12,000 square feet to The Mall at Santa Maria, LLC (TMSM). To define the role of the Agency and TMSM for the theater project, a Memorandum of Understanding has been developed. The MOU addresses critical topics such as the transfer of property from the Agency to TMSM, processing requirements, costs required to process the project, changes to the REA, and TMSM's contingencies regarding approvals of lenders, Gottschalks and the TMSM governing board. It is proposed that transfer of the property from the Agency to TMSM be accomplished through a lot line adjustment. Because of the potential for a substantial increase in sales tax differential and because the REA restricts the use of the agency property, it is proposed that TMSM pay a nominal one-time fee of $10 to the Agency for the property. The MOU requires TMSM to pay a deposit of $15,000 to the City to offset initial processing costs. Charges for the Agency's consultant, the Agency's counsel, additional City staff required to facilitate the project and preparation of technical documents will be paid by TMSM.

Councilmember Orach asked if there would still be sufficient parking to meet the City's requirements when the 12,000 square feet of parking lot was removed for the Gottschalk's expansion.

Agency Counsel Trujillo explained that the parking requirements for the Mall were governed by the Reciprocal Easement Agreement and requires a ratio of 4.75 parking spaces per 1,000 square feet of commercial/retail space. It is staff's understanding that the project would meet that requirement. If it did not, the parties would have to amend the Reciprocal Easement Agreement to accommodate a lesser ratio.

Resolution No. 2005-01 was adopted authorizing execution of a Memorandum of Understanding regarding a proposal for a multiplex theater at Santa Maria Town Center Mall on motion by Board Member Trujillo, seconded by Board Member Orach, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Board Members Orach, Patino, Trujillo, and Chairperson Lavagnino
NOES: None
ABSENT: Board Member Mariscal
ABSTAIN: None

Resolution No. 2005-01 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR A MULTIPLEX THEATER AT SANTA MARIA TOWN CENTER MALL AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.

Chairperson Lavagnino adjourned the Redevelopment Agency Meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Mayor Lavagnino reconvened the City Council meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Councilmember Mariscal returned to the dais at this time. All members of the City Council were present.

REPORT BY CITY MANAGER

City Manager Ness reported on items for the November 1, 2005, City Council meeting including a public hearing for a General Plan Amendment and Zone Change for College Square at Crossroads, a proposed ordinance dealing with commercial vehicles in residential zones, and a request to reformat the City's zoning map and revise the fee for copies of the map. On November 15th, the City Council will consider a zoning text amendment for the proposed Wal-Mart Superstore.

ORAL REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS AND OFFICERS

Councilmember Orach reported on a program to hire Air Force personnel from Vandenberg Air Force Base for odd jobs on their days off to give them extra money. People can post job opportunities on the web site at www.hireairforce.com.

Mayor Lavagnino reported on the Minerva Club Annual Tea and the celebration of designating the Minerva Club as a historical landmark.

Mayor Lavagnino also reported that a long-time friend and Olympian swimmer, Eugene Linz, had passed away. He swam three miles a day, every day, even at 68 years old.

Councilmember Patino reported on the 75th Anniversary of the Guadalupe Fire Department and on the tour of the dunes last Sunday with Huell Howser.

Councilmember Patino also reported on a presentation by Code Compliance Supervisor David Garcia at the Santa Maria Beautiful meeting. She commended him for an excellent presentation.

Councilmember Mariscal reported on the League of California Cities Annual Conference. It reiterated to him that Santa Maria is an extremely well-run city. The City also was recognized with a very prestigious award for the third time in the last five years, the Helen Putnam Award, for its impacted soils program. It is a testament to the excellent employees working for the City of Santa Maria.

CLOSED SESSION
The City Council recessed to a Closed Session at 8:36 p.m. for Conference with Legal Counsel regarding existing litigation pursuant to Subsection (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9 to discuss Santa Maria Valley Water Conservation District v. City of Santa Maria; Public Employee Performance Evaluations pursuant to Subsection (e) of Government Code Section 54957 for City Manager and City Attorney; Conference with Real Property Negotiators pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 regarding the corner of Canyon Drive and Seward Drive, APNs 128-025-057, 128-025-058, and 128-025-059, Agency Negotiator was the Director of Administrative Services and under negotiation was instruction to negotiator concerning price; and Conference with Labor Negotiator pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency representative was Assistant City Manager, and employee organization was Santa Maria Police Officers Association (SMPOA).

After the Closed Session, the following was announced:

Santa Maria Valley Water Conservation District v. City of Santa Maria – Status report. No reportable action.

Real Property Negotiations/North Canyon Drive lots – Direction to staff.

Public Employee Performance Evaluation/City Manager and City Attorney – No reportable action

Labor Negotiations – SMPOA – Direction to staff.

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business to come before the City Council at this time, the meeting was declared adjourned at 9:47 p.m. by order of Mayor Lavagnino.

APPROVED

November 1, 2005
Date

ATTEST: _____
Chief Deputy City Clerk

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Chief Deputy City Clerk of the City of Santa Maria and ex officio Clerk of the City Council

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Mayor of the City of Santa Maria